



WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

THE FLAG OF TIME

WEEK 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL TO HIM Commitment Weekend Nov. 7/10

Vision Ambassadors go first!
Be a part of this amazing weekend.

ALL TO HIM DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

*Bring your guide to group.

***Complete Wk 4 Reading Plan & Prayer Guide on page 89-91.**

ICEBREAKER: To start, let's play a quick game of WAIT A MINUTE! A game that tests your patience, focus and ability to count:) Have everyone in the group stand up if able or raise their right hand if not able to stand up. The group leader will be the time keeper using the stopwatch on their phones. When the group leader says go, the group will count *silently* in their heads and try to sit down (or lower hand) when they think a minute is up. The person that sits down closest to 60 seconds without going over is the winner. Prizes are encouraged!

Question: Did time go slower or quicker than you thought and how does that compare to your everyday life?

MAIN POINT: In the scheme of eternity our time is short, so we must use our time for what matters most. Giving our all to Jesus means stewarding our time in a way that would help others and advance His Kingdom.

SCRIPTURE: James 4:13-17

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

STARTER QUESTIONS

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon over the weekend and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

What does the key passage teach us about Jesus, who He is, and His character?



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GROUP DISCUSSION

Read James 4:13-17. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to understand it.

Discuss the EXAMINE and APPLY sections on pages 90-91 in your Discipleship Guide.

Pastor James asked us, "If you knew tomorrow would be your last day, would it change today?" Have an honest conversation with this question.

In verse 15 it says, "If the Lord wills..." Share an example of a time when you included God in your plans instead of making your own plans and expecting Him to bless them? How do the results differ in these 2 scenarios?

In reference to verse 17, Pastor James taught us to do the right thing and the difference between sins of "Commission vs Omission". As a group, define both types of sin and discuss why we tend to not make a big deal about sins of omission? What excuses do you tend to make for ignoring what God wants you to do in relation to your time?

As you read this passage, which verse(s) is the most convicting to you and why?

How can we encourage and help each other live out James 4:13-17?

Deeper Community: Share something that you know God is calling you to do but it has become a sin of omission.

PRAYER

**For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into a men's group and women's group.*

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests especially involving your time. Pray over the request as a group.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, we come before You acknowledging that our lives are but a mist. Help us to live faithfully today, seeking Your will in all our plans. Grant us the wisdom to number our days and live each one for Your glory. Teach us to include You in every decision we make and to be good stewards of the time and talents You have given us. May we live in a way that honors You and impacts those around us for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

B.L.E.S.S. Update:

Who's Your ONE?

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

Begin with prayer

Listen to their story

Eat with them

Serve them

Share your story and the story of Jesus